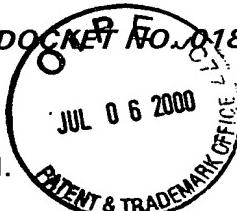


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Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.97 and § 1.98.

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**CONCISE EXPLANATION OF
RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT**

Documents A3 through A12 came to Applicants' attention during a search of the corresponding European application. A copy of the European search report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner is attached.

Document A1 relates to Document A6 and Document A2 relates to Document A7.

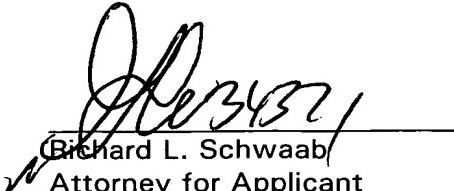
English translations of the foreign documents are not readily available; however, English language abstracts for Documents A8 through A12 are attached herewith. The absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

STATEMENT

The undersigned hereby certifies in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(e) (1) that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the statement.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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